

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority
Strategy and Resources Committee
Meeting to be held at Headquarters, Shrewsbury
on Friday, 22 January 2010 at 2.00 pm

Agenda

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that they should declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests at this point and that they should leave the meeting before any item, in which they have a prejudicial interest, is discussed.

3 Minutes

Members are asked to agree the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 12 November 2009, and that they be signed as a correct record. Attached marked **3. For decision**

4 Public Questions

To receive any questions, statements or petitions, of which notice has been received, from members of the public.

5 Financial Performance to November 2009

This report provides information on the financial performance of the Service, and seeks approval for action, where necessary. Attached marked **5 For decision**

6 Budget Consultation Exercise 2010: Presentation and Key Findings

The Chief Fire Officer will give a summary of the presentation, which he gave during the public budget consultation exercise. **For information**

The report sets out the views and opinions of members of the public and business community, who recently participated in the budget consultation exercise. Attached marked **6. For information**

7 Capital Programmes 2010/11 to 2014/15 and Prudential Guidelines

This report presents the capital programmes for 2010/11 to 2014/15, for consideration by the Committee in the context of Prudential Guidelines. Attached marked **7. For decision**

8 Adequacy of Provisions and Reserves and Robustness of Budget

This report undertakes a full analysis of Reserves and Provisions; provides an assurance on the adequacy of reserves and provisions; and gives an assurance on the robustness of the budget. Attached marked **8**

For decision

9 Revisions to the Budget and Final Budget Plan

This report develops a final revenue budget package for consideration by the Fire Authority, taking into account latest information. Attached marked **9**

For decision

10 Capital Update on Activity and Finance

This report provides an overview of all the capital schemes within the Brigade and their current status. Attached marked **10. For information**

11 New Dimension Asset Transfer

The Department of Communities and Local Government has procured, and allocated to fire and rescue authorities, vehicles and equipment as part of a national capability (known as 'New Dimension') to respond to major disruptive events. The Department now wishes to transfer those assets to individual authorities and has asked them to enter into a Transfer of Assets Agreement. At its meeting on 16 December 2009 the Fire Authority considered a report on this issue and heard that further advice and information was being sought. It, therefore, delegated authority to the Strategy and Resources Committee to decide whether the Authority should enter into the Agreement. The Chief Fire Officer will give a verbal update on this matter. **For decision**

12 Brigade Managers' Employment Panel

At its meeting on 23 November 2009 the Brigade Managers' Employment Panel considered the January 2009 pay award for Brigade Managers. They agreed that there was a possible disparity between the pay of Shropshire and Wrekin Brigade Managers and that of Managers in other Brigades but they did not have sufficient detail to make an informed decision on the matter. They, therefore, recommended that the Strategy and Resources Committee look at whether resources could be identified to fund research into that possible disparity. The Committee is asked to consider and decide upon this recommendation. **For decision**

13 Carbon Reduction Strategy

This report sets out the actions, which Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service is taking to monitor and reduce energy usage and carbon emissions.

Attached marked **13. For information**

13a Shrewsbury Headquarters Programme Overview

In accordance with a request from the Chair at the last meeting of the Committee, the Head of Performance and Risk, Head of Resources and Programme Manager will give a presentation on the Headquarters refurbishment programme.

14 Corporate Risk Management Summary

This is the latest of the regular Risk Summary Reports to the Strategy and Resources Committee. As previously, these reports are intended to enable Members to meet the requirements of this Committee's Terms of Reference as they relate to the Fire Authority's management of corporate risk. The progress reported relates to that achieved since the last Summary Report, received by this Committee at its meeting in September 2009.

Attached marked **14. For information**

15 Local Government Act 1972

Members are asked to consider a resolution under the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded for the following agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined by the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, by virtue of the paragraphs 3 and 4.

16 Corporate Risk Management Summary – Exempt Information

The Committee will have received an open session report, which summarised its current exposure to corporate risk. This report supplements that one, as it contains information that is exempt from publication by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A. Attached marked **16. For information**